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Subject: Fw: Zoo public records?  
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To: Chris Roberts <croberts@sfexaminer.com>@SFGOV,  
Date: 11/12/2014 02:37 PM  
Subject: Re: Zoo public records?

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Chris,

The answer is yes, the zoo is subject to all public records laws. I just confirmed with the appropriate attorneys that I was right in my recollection of the 1993 Lease and Management Agreement between the city and the S.F. Zoological Society governing "Public Access to Records and Information" that Sunshine applies in all cases, the same as it would have had the zoo remained a city agency. The relevant section is 16.2 of the agreement (pages 22-23), which reads:

- "SFZS shall provide public access to information concerning the operation of the Zoo to the same extent that such information would have been available to the public pursuant to local ordinances if the Department had continued to operate the zoo in the same manner as it did prior to the date of this Agreement. In addition, SFZS shall comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations that govern access by the public to records and information, including without limitation the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Secs. 6250 et seq.). Without limiting the foregoing, SFZS further agrees that (a) minutes shall be taken at each meeting of its Board of Directors, and that the minutes of those meetings shall be considered public documents available for public inspection in accordance with the Public Records Act, and (b) all information concerning the status of all animals exhibited or otherwise housed or cared for at the Zoo shall be deemed public information subject to public inspection under the Public Records Act."

For your reference, I've attached a PDF copy of the 1993 Lease and Management Agreement between the city and the S.F. Zoological Society. Hope that helps.

Best,  
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Chris Roberts

Hi Matt -- Rec and Park directed me to City Attor...

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Hi Matt --

Rec and Park directed me to City Attorney with this question: who is the steward of public records related to the Zoo, and is the Zoo subject to public records laws?

Let me know when you can.

Thanks,  
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